FISCAL NOTE HB 1114 - SB 1656

February 23, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires any bill increasing the state sales tax to receive on its third and final consideration the assent of three-fifths (3/5) of all the members of the Senate and three-fifths (3/5) of all members of the House of Representatives.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – A precise fiscal impact for this bill cannot be determined due to several unknown factors. However, if a bill would have passed under simple majority, but failed under the 3/5 rule, then the state would forgo significant amounts of revenue. This amount cannot be quantified because it is dependent upon the proposed tax rate increase.

Assumptions:

- The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent upon two unknown outcomes: (1) The outcome of a bill having to pass both houses by simple majority, versus (2) the outcome of the same legislation if it had to pass both houses with the assent of three-fifths of all members.
- If the bill would have failed under simple majority, then it would have also failed under the 3/5 rule. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this bill would be considered minimal.
- If the bill would have passed under 3/5 rule, then it would have also passed under simple majority. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this bill would be considered minimal.
- If the bill would have passed simple majority, but failed under the 3/5 rule, then the state would forgo significant amounts of sales tax revenue. It is not possible to quantify this impact because it would be dependent upon the extent of the proposed tax increase.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director